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SUBJECT: TELEDYNE DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN ARMS PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS

1. AT ASHRAF MARWANS REQUEST TELEDYNE REPS VISITED EGYPT JULY 6-10. ONE MISSION MEMBER CALLED BRIEFLY ON EMBASSY COMML OFF. EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN TELEDYNE APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY AS SOURCE FOR DRONES AND SECONDARILY FOR TANK ENGINES.

2. MARWAN TOLD TELEDYNE THAT GOE IS INTERESTED BOTH IN RECONNAISSANCE DRONES AND DRONES FOR TARGET PRACTICE. EGYPTIANS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING UP TO \$100 MILLION OF THESE PRODUCTS. ONE EGYPTIAN GENERAL SHOWED TEAM MEMBERS ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE DRONE MANUFACTURED AT LEAST IN PART BY TELEDYNE.

3. WITH EGYPT'S PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING SPARE PARTS FROM USSR, EGYPT MAY BE INTERESTED IN ALTERNATE SOURCES OF AIR-COOLED ENGINES FOR ITS T-54, T-55 AND T-62 TANKS. TELEDYNE GROUP INCLUDED TANK ENGINE EXPERT FROM CHRYSLER OF SPAIN. FEASIBILITY OF RETORFITTING US TANK ENGINES TO SOVIET TANKS WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED. IF FEASIBLE, PROGRAM TO MODIFY ROUGHLY 3,000 TANKS WOULD COST AROUND \$250 MILLION.

5. TELEDYNE REP SAID HIS COMPANY HAD CONTACTED UNDERSEC SISCO AND OTHER HIGH DEPT OFFICIALS. HE ADDED THAT MARWAN AND TOP SAUDI OFFICIALS (WHO WOULD PRESUMABLY PAY FOR ANY PURCHASES) HAD CLEARLY STATED THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE PROGRAMS

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AT LEAST ANOTHER STEP IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. AT THIS TIME  
TELEDYNE IS MAKING QUOTE NO PROPOSALS UNQUOTE AND IS ONLY  
PROVIDING UNCLASSIFIED COMMERCIAL BROCHURES DESCRIBING SCOPE  
OF COMPANY'S ACTIVITY.  
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